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Re: NEW PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No.: 4549  
Inventor: Herwig ASSLER et al.  
Title: A Splicing for Interconnected Thin-Walled  
Metal Structures


Dear Sir:

- 1) I am enclosing a NEW PATENT APPLICATION comprising:
  - a) 14 consecutive pages of written description;  
4 consecutive pages with 12 claims, 1 independent;  
1 page with an abstract;  
2 sheets with 8 Figs. (Figs. 1,2,3,3A,4,5,6,7) of formal drawings;
  - b) an executed FAX COPY of the Declaration, Power of Attorney with 3 pages;
  - c) return receipt postcard;
  - d) Form PTO-2038 for (\$750.00) to cover the filing fee. Any fee deficiency or additional fee may be charged to Deposit Account No.: 50-0507;
  - e) Priority Document No. 102 38 820.2
- 2) The Priority of an earlier application:

No. 102 38 820.2, filed on August 23, 2002 in Federal Republic of Germany

is hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119. Please acknowledge the priority claim. Filing this application on Monday, August 25, 2003 is timely since August 23, 2002 was on a Saturday.
- 3) Please acknowledge the receipt of the Priority Document.
- 4) All correspondence for this application is to be sent to:  
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Very truly yours,

  
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